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“Patient Bill of Rights” Legislation

Legislation to establish a “Patient Bill of Rights” for those enrolled in health insurance plans has become one of the session’s most high profile issues. Committee hearings in both House and Senate have attracted overflow crowds. Insurance Commissioner Deborah Senn has made passing such legislation is one of her top priorities, and patient advocacy groups are supporters of the legislation.

The Senate version of the legislation is SB 5587. In the House, three different bills have been introduced: HB 1888, HB 2032, and HB 2167. In addition to those bills, there is legislation, HB 1944 and SB 5813, that would require the medical director of a health carrier to be a physician or osteopathic physician licensed in the state of Washington.

The bills address a common set of concerns. The bills state that their intent includes assuring access to and choice of qualified health care providers; improving access to information regarding the plan; and access to a fair and quick process for appealing denials of health care coverage.

Some of the major features of the bills are:

Choice of Provider: The bills each establish requirements for adequate consumer choice among qualified health care providers, and choice of primary care provider. HB 2032 requires that chiropractic service must be included in plan.

Point of Service option: The bills, except HB 2167, require that an enrollee have the option to receive services from a non-participating provider or facility.

Health Care Decisions: SB 5587, HB 1888 and HB 2032 require decisions regarding health care be made by a provider who has reasonable access to specialty provider, and according to established standards and guidelines. HB 2167 includes this requirement, but does not include the language regarding access to specialists.

Medical Director Licensing: Like HB 1944 and SB 5813, all the bills, except HB 2167, require the medical director of a health carrier to be a physician or osteopathic physician licensed in the state of Washington.

Health Information Privacy: Each bill sets standards for the disclosure of health care information to prevent unnecessary disclosure. All the bills except HB 2167 require that the Office of

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the Insurance Commissioner adopt rules to implement the privacy provisions. The Department is currently analyzing the bills' potential impact on existing privacy provisions under chapter. 70.02, the Uniform Health Care Information Act.

Appeal and Independent Review of Coverage Disputes: Denials of coverage for certain health care have sparked media attention and concern among consumers. Each bill requires carriers to develop a grievance process that is fair and prompt. In addition, SB 5587, HB 1888, and HB 2032 require access to an independent third party review of denials of health coverage. §

Governor and Attorney General Develop Legislation to Limit Youth Access to Tobacco Cut

House Bill 2077 and Senate Bill 5881 are bills developed by the Attorney General and Governor to limit access of youth to tobacco products. The measures focus primarily on retail sellers of tobacco products. Tobacco is the number one cause of death in our state. The bills are part of the state's comprehensive strategy for tobacco prevention and cessation .

The major features of the legislation are:

Define a package of cigarettes as 20 or more. This will prevent the sale of single packaged cigarettes.

Beginning July 1, 2000, self service displays of tobacco products are prohibited. All in store tobacco products

must be sold from behind the counter or from within locked display units.

Liquor control board may impose sanctions for violations and to write rules relating to the enforcement of provisions regularly distribution of tobacco products, especially relating to minors.

Makes changes to the language relating to local laws for or binding which will allow ordinances on distribution and advertising.

Prevents a tobacco manufacturer, wholesale or agent from paying the monetary penalty of a tobacco retailer. §

Legislative Cut Off Dates

March 2, 1999: Policy cutoff for the House.

March 3, 1999: Policy cutoff for the Senate.

March 8, 1999: Fiscal cutoff for both houses.

March 17, 1999, 5:00 p.m.: Final consideration for the house of origin.

April 2, 1999: Policy cutoff for the opposite house.

April 5, 1999: Fiscal cutoff for the opposite house.

April 16, 1999, 5:00 p.m.: Final consideration for the opposite house.

April 25, 1999: Sine Die. §

Meeting Schedule

Senate Health and Long Term Care Committee Senate Hearing Room 4

Monday 1:30 - 3:30
Wednesday 1:30 - 3:30
Thursday 1:30 - 3:30

House Health Care Committee House Hearing Room C

Tuesday 1:30 - 3:30
Thursday 8:00 - 10:00
Saturday 1:30 - 3:30 §

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Data and Confidentiality

HB 1262: Year 2000 Computer Problem

Allows the Insurance Commissioner to provide technical assistance to insurance companies and health carriers in addressing the Year 2000 (Y2K) computer problem. Requires the Commissioner to include an examination of whether the insurer or carrier has a Y2K computer problem and the insurers' or carriers' efforts to address any problems in this area. Directs the Commissioner to report to the Governor and chairs of the legislative committees dealing with insurance issues by July 1, 1999, and October 1, 1999, regarding the potential Y2K computer problem faced by the state's insurers and carriers. **House Financial Institutions & Insurance.**

HB 1372/SB 5240: Birth Defects Surveillance

Repeals the Handicapped Children's Registry statute. **House Passed/House Health Care.**

HB 1603: Medical Research Records

Establishes procedures to regulate the disclosure of medical and health research records. **House State Government.**

HB 1835: HIV/Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Strengthens provisions relating to the confidentiality of information relating to sexually transmitted diseases and HIV. **House Health Care.**

HB 1881: Social Security Number Use

Protects the privacy of the citizens of Washington by restricting the use of social security account numbers by companies, government agencies, and organizations that use individual's social security account numbers for numerical identifiers, account numbers, and other record-keeping purposes. **House Judiciary.**

HB 2015/SB 5889: Year 2000 Date Change Liability

Restricts liability for harm caused by incorrectly calculated or interpreted dates associated with year 2000 date-changes processed by electronic computing devices. **House Rules/Senate Judiciary. Public Hearing, 3-1-99, 7:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 1.**

LEGISLATIVEINTERNET LINKS

Legislative information can be accessed via the internet. The following are a few links that may be of interest:

Legislative Update Newsletter

http://www.doh.wa.gov/publicat/98_legup.htm

Legislative Information

WWW - <http://www.leg.wa.gov>
Gopher - <gopher.leg.wa.gov>
FTP - <ftp.leg.wa.gov>
Email - ftpmail@leg.wa.gov

Washington State House of Representatives

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/www/house/members/housepg.htm>

Washington State Senate

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/www/senate.htm>

Washington State Governor's Home Page

<http://www.wa.gov/governor>

TVW indicates that TVW tentatively plans to televise either LIVE or on a tape delayed basis. For additional information on TVW scheduling or availability, please call TVW at (360) 586-5555, or visit the TVW web site at: www.tvw.org

HB 2093: Year 2000 Date Conversion

Provides immunity for state and local government agencies and their employees for harm caused by incorrectly calculated or interpreted dates associated with year 2000 date changes processed by electronic computing devices.

House Judiciary.

HB 2228/SB 6024: Personal Information Collection

Monitors personal information collected by state agencies. **House State Government/Senate State & Local Government.**

HB 2230: STD/HIV Information Confidentiality

Revises provisions relating to the confidentiality of information relating to sexually transmitted diseases and HIV. **House Health Care.**

SSB 5201: Vital Statistic Record Fees

The fees that the Department of Health and local registrars charge for copies of records and for searches of records are raised by \$2. Of that amount, the local registrar must submit to the State Treasurer for each copy or search \$1. The additional \$1 submitted to the State Treasurer must then be transferred to the Department of Health. These provisions relating to the establishment of fees expire on July 1, 2001. Authorizes the State Board of Health to set fees for copying and searching services after July 1, 2001, according to its rulemaking authority. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5482: Medical Research Records

Makes vital statistics records available for inspection, copying, and use by a health research organization in connection with a medical or health research project that an institutional review board has approved. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5767: Year 2000 Computer Conversions

Requires businesses and agencies to exercise reasonable care to prepare their electronic computing devices to continue normal operation after the year 2000 (Y2K). Requires citizens and clients of agencies to receive statutorily mandated services, entitlements, and compensation delivered through electronic computing devices without interruption through and after Y2K. Vendors and contractors providing goods and services to agencies must continue to receive payment without interruption through and after Y2K. States that affected citizens, clients, vendors, and contractors have recourse to existing administrative or contractual remedies to obtain redress, but not punitive damages as a result of a Y2K related failure. **Senate Judiciary.**

SB 5793: Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Increases the protection of confidential information related to sexually transmitted diseases and HIV. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 6035: Year 2000 Citizen's Protection

Declares that a person may be held harmless to any claim or action brought against the person if he or she establishes that the default, failure to pay, breach, omission, or other violation that is the basis of the claim against him or her was caused, in whole or in part, by a year 2000 (Y2K) failure associated with an electronic computing device, and, if it were not for the Y2K failure, the person would have been able to satisfy the obligations that are the basis of the claim. **Senate Judiciary.** *Public Hearing, 3-1-99, 7:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 1.*

Disease Prevention and Control

HB 1080: Infectious Disease Testing

Provides infectious disease testing at no cost to good Samaritans for infectious diseases after rendering emergency assistance that has brought them into contact with a bodily fluid. **House Passed.**

HB 1371/SSB 5199: Tuberculosis Control

Revises provisions relating to reporting, treatment, and payment for treatment of tuberculosis. Repeals obsolete sections of tuberculosis statutes. **House Health Care/Senate 2nd Reading.**

HB 1672: Hepatitis C Management

Requires the Department of Corrections to submit to the legislature, by December 15, 1999, a report on how the department manages hepatitis C in the inmate population, and to make recommendations on how to improve that management. **House Criminal Justice & Corrections.**

HB 1800/SB 5880: Needle Stick Protections

Requires each employer to conduct product evaluations of needleless systems and sharps. Product evaluations should include devices used in the employer's facility where there is a sharps injury risk. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

HB 1890: Allergenic Latex Use

Prohibits, effective January 1, 2000, the use of powder latex products in health care facilities. Health care facilities must establish, upon the recommendations of DOH,

written policies on methods to prevent latex allergic reactions through the use of low-protein latex products. **House Health Care.**

HB 1973/SB 5778: Communicable Disease Control

Provides funds to help local health jurisdictions with costs associated with communicable disease outbreaks and tuberculosis detentions. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

HB 2199: Hepatitis A Vaccination Plan

Directs DOH to present a hepatitis A vaccination plan, and seek funding for such a plan through the Centers for Disease Control's Vaccination for Children Program, which may not require state funding. If the department receives funding through the CDC, it must promptly implement a vaccination program that is consistent with CDC requirements. **House Health Care.** *Public Hearing, 3-2-99, 1:30 p.m., House Hearing Room C.*

SB 5138: Body Art Facilities

Directs the State Board of Health to adopt rules for permitting local health jurisdictions to regulate body art operators and body art facilities. **Senate Health & Long Term Care.**

SSB 5172: HIV Testing of Offenders

Requires that local health jurisdictions conduct, or cause to be conducted, pretest counseling, HIV testing, and posttest counseling of all persons who are offenders, or arrested or detained persons, and who have subjected a law enforcement officer, fire fighter, health care provider, health care facility staff person, Department of Corrections staff person, jail staff person, or other category of employee, as determined by the board, to substantial exposure to their bodily fluids. Persons tested under this provision shall also be tested for hepatitis B and hepatitis C. Provides that any employee who has experienced a substantial exposure to the bodily fluids of an offender, arrested person, or detained person may seek the consent of the person to whose bodily fluids he or she was exposed for HIV and hepatitis testing. If the person consents to be tested, he or she shall consent to disclosure of the results of the test by the public health official to the person exposed by the fluids and as otherwise required by law. Declares that, if the person does not consent to testing or is released prior to a request for consent, the officer or identified employee may petition the court to order the local health department to conduct or cause to be conducted pretest counseling, testing for HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C, and posttest counseling for the

person to whose bodily fluids they were substantially exposed, within 48 hours after exposure. **Senate Rules.**

Environmental Health

SHB 1054/SB 5125: Pesticide Registration Commission

Appropriations made to Washington State University may now expressly be used for evaluations, studies, or investigations approved by the Commission for such Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and pesticide resistance management programs. An official action may now be taken by the Commission by a majority vote of its quorum, rather than a majority vote of the voting members. This bill is a part of the Washington State University's Safe Food Initiative. **Senate Agriculture & Rural Development/Senate 2nd Reading.**

SHB 1163/SB 5106: Illegal Drug Manufacture

Finds that the contamination of properties used for illegal drug manufacturing poses a threat to public health. The toxic chemicals left behind by the illegal drug manufacturing must be cleaned up to prevent harm to subsequent occupants of the properties. Declares an intent that properties are decontaminated in a manner that is efficient, prompt, and that makes them safe to reoccupy. **House Rules/Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

HB 1164/SB 5105: Public Water System Definition

Revises the definition of public water system to include systems providing water through constructed conveyances, in conformance with federal law. **Senate Environment Quality & Water Resources/Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

HB 1182: Coordinated Water Systems

Requires a coordinated plan for water systems. **House Agriculture & Ecology Do Pass 1 Substitute.**

HB 1264/SB 5361: Water-Sewer Districts

Makes technical corrections regarding combining water-sewer districts. **House Local Government/Senate State & Local Government.**

HB 1310: PUD Authority

Revises provisions relating to the authority of a public utility district to furnish water to persons outside of the district and the county where the district is located, and to establish local utility districts for water or sewer facilities outside of a district and the county where it is located. **House Rules Review.**

HB 1314/SB 5289: Water Resource Management.

Finds that numerous fish stocks of the state are being listed or are proposed to be listed as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act and that various state laws relating to water resources, land use, and fish protection and restoration must be strengthened to minimize the potential for federal preemption of state authority and autonomy regarding the management of the state's fisheries and water resources. Provide funds to the DOE for grants and loans to public bodies engaged in irrigation water supply for the purpose of improved drought preparedness. Requires each public water system with 15 or more service connections to implement a water conservation program promotion targeted at system customers and implement other cost-effective water conservation measures identified in approved water conservation plans. Requires public water systems with 1,000 or more service connections to implement a leak detection and repair program, and repair leaks if the system's unaccounted for water is ten percent or more of total system water usage; conduct water audits to identify internal water distribution and associated opportunities for improved water use efficiency; and utilize commodity-based water rates and not declining block rate structures. Requires public water systems with 15 or more service connections to collect monthly water use data from all water sources used to serve the system. Requires DOE in consultation with the DOH to adopt rules establishing water use efficiency performance standards for various water uses by December 31, 2000. Requires DOE, in consultation with the DOH and water purveyors, to adopt rules by December 31, 2000, establishing criteria to determine when the use of reclaimed water is feasible to replace potable water supplied for nonpotable water use. Local governments may adopt ordinances requiring the use of reclaimed water for nonpotable uses when determined feasible. Directs DOE to convene a group consisting of representatives from major stakeholder groups concerned with water resources management as well as scientists recognized for their expertise in the fields of hydrology, hydrogeology, fish biology, stream ecology, and stream restoration to review, assess, and recommend methods for mitigating the effects caused by proposed ground water withdrawals. DOE shall adopt rules to implement the findings of the group and shall report on the group's progress, findings, and any recommendations for possible legislative action to the legislature by December 31, 1999. Makes appropriations to carry out the purposes of the act. **House Agriculture & Ecology/Senate Environmental Quality & Water.**

HB 1432: Dairy Commission

Authorizes the Dairy Commission to participate in federal and state regulatory activities and expend funds when such activities affect the production, manufacture, distribution, sale, or use of dairy products, and educate the dairy industry on such matters. **House Rules Review.**

HB 1468: Water Supply Adequacy

Directs the Department of Ecology to provide information regarding the adequacy of water supplies to meet the demands of projected growth. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

HB 1498: Growth Management Act

Revises the growth management act to place equal emphasis on the rights of property owners. **House Local Government.**

HB 1502: Instream Water Rights

Declares a water right for instream use may be held by the state through the establishment of a reservation or minimum flow or level as specified in state law, or may be held by the state as a trust water right. A water right for instream use may also be established, changed, transferred, or amended in the manner prescribed for a water right for any other use and may be held as an appropriative right by any person or entity whatsoever. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

HB 1517: Municipal Water Supply

Declares "municipal water supply purposes" means the use of water to satisfy the needs of a city, a town, a public utility district, a water-sewer district, or a Group A public water system. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

HB 1527/SB 5564: Water-Sewer District.**Assumption**

Revises the law governing assumptions of water and sewer districts by cities. **House Local Government/Senate Commerce, Trade, Housing & Financial Institutions.**

SHB 1563: Safe Foods Initiative

Establishes the Safe Foods Initiative at Washington State University to promote safe food products for domestic and global markets; to protect food crops from devastating pests; and to create high-quality, economically viable, safe food production systems. **House Appropriations.**

HB 1602/SB 5885: Wastewater Treatment Plants

Establishes a certification program for operators of wastewater treatment plants. **House Agriculture & Ecology/Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

HB 1612/SB 5354: Geoduck Diver Licenses

Prohibits the Director of Fish & Wildlife from issuing new geoduck diver licenses unless fewer than fifty persons are eligible for renewal. **House Natural Resources/Senate Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation.**

HB 1642: Surface Water Permits & Rights

Allows water permit holders to change the point of water diversion for an undeveloped portion of an existing water right permit from an existing authorized diversion point, downstream to an existing intake structure, if there is no change in ownership of the permit or the original purpose and place of use of the water. **House Rules Review.**

HB 1802: Salmon Run Recovery Program

Creates a pilot program for salmon recovery in Whatcom County. **House Natural Resources.**

HB 1813: Water Rights Applications

Authorizes DOE to give processing priority for transfers, changes, and amendments to existing water rights over applications for new water rights. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

HB 1839: Water Rights/Instream Use

Provides that a water right for instream use may be held by the state through the establishment of a reservation or minimum flow or level or may be held by the state as a trust water right. A water right for instream use may also be established through the approval of a change, transfer, or amendment of an existing water right in the manner prescribed for a water right for any other use. A water right for an instream use established through such a change, transfer, or amendment may be held as an appropriative right by any person or entity. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

HB 1876: County Small Mines

Limits the authority of counties with small populations for regulating certain aspects of mining. **House Natural Resources.**

HB 1900: Water Right Transfer/Change

Declares that processing applications for changes, transfers, and amendments of existing water rights shall not be delayed or postponed for the purpose of processing applications for new water right permits. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

HB 1919/SB 5682: Mobile Home Park Septic System

Authorizes local governments to require that septic systems be removed from mobile home parks in areas designated as having a critical recharging effect for an aquifer that is the primary drinking water source for a city of over 150,000 population. **House Local Government/Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources Do Pass.**

HB 1954: Special Purpose Districts

Requires additional involvement by special purpose districts in growth management planning. **House Local Government.**

HB 1957: Water Right Transfer/Change

Allows applications for change, transfer or amendments of ground water rights to have higher priority than applications for new water rights. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

HB 2041: Water system interties

Promotes the development of public water system interties. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

HB 2079: Salmon Recovery

Authorizes a plan for salmon recovery in Washington State. **House Natural Resources.**

HB 2091/SB 5896: Salmon & Water/Forest Practices

Promotes salmon and water quality enhancement in areas impacted by forest practices. **House Natural Resources/Senate Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation.**

HB 2095: Commercial Fertilizer

Revises provisions relating to registration fees, stop sale and use, seizure, and disposal of commercial fertilizer. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

HB 2096: Water Right/Beneficial Use

Allows a water right from a public water supply system to continue for the beneficial use of water. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

HB 2097: Commercial Fertilizer

Revises provisions relating to registration fees and registration intervals for commercial fertilizer. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

HB 2098: Wastewater Treatment Systems

Regulates designers of on-site wastewater treatment systems by creation of a state program. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

HB 2099: Water Right Relinquishment

Allows an exemption from relinquishment of a water right for non-use resulting from the operation or pendency of legal proceedings. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

HB 2117: Environmental Testing

Requires that environmental test samples be shared with property owners. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

HB 2141: Salmon Recovery Foundation

Requires the Governor to establish a foundation as a non-profit corporation to serve as a coordination point for salmon recovery efforts for Washington. Requires the foundation to solicit grants from all private sector organizations to enhance salmon recovery. **House Natural Resources.** *Public Hearing, 3-1-99, 8:00 p.m., House Hearing Room A.*

HB 2198: Streamlining Salmon Recovery Efforts

Requires any state agency involved in the implementation of salmon preservation and restoration efforts to identify actual and potential problems in such implementation that are attributable to interagency performance. Requires the report to include a proposed method for streamlining the implementation of salmon preservation and restoration efforts, particularly pertaining to interagency cooperation. **House Natural Resources.**

HB 2215: Solid Waste Definition

Revises the definition of solid waste. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

SB 5045: Mobile Home Park Septic System

Authorizes local governments to require that septic systems be removed in areas designated as critical for aquifer recharging. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5059: Radioactive Waste Transport

Authorizes counties to assess impact fees to cover the costs associated with the transport of radioactive waste over their roadways. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5067: Uranium and Thorium Mills

Prohibits DOH from approving a license or the renewal of a license for a uranium or thorium mine, mill, or tailing facility, if the license is based on a reclamation, closure, or decommissioning that involves the receipt, storage, permanent impoundment, or disposal of radioactive materials, including uranium or thorium mill tailings and byproduct material, at a licensed site or pro-

posed licensed; except where the radioactive materials proposed for receipt, storage, permanent impoundment, or disposal is produced at a mine associated with, and under the same operator or ownership as, the licensed ~~site or proposed licensed site~~. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5072: Uranium and Thorium Mills

No state agency may issue a permit for the transportation of low-level radioactive mill tailings which is classified as 11e(2) waste under the Atomic Energy Act. DOH may not approve the license or re-licensure for the reclamation, closure or decommissioning of a uranium mill, thorium mill, or tailing facility if the reclamation uses 11e(2) radioactive materials not produced at the site. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5080: Biomedical Waste Operations

Requires that each biomedical waste treatment (deactivation) facility operating under a solid waste handling permit shall develop a hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) plan. The plan scope must cover worker health and safety, and health risks to the community surrounding the treatment facility. The plan must be submitted to the local health jurisdiction for review. In reviewing the plan, the local health jurisdiction must consult with the DOH, Ecology, and L&I. The local health jurisdiction must complete its review within 120 days of submission, and shall submit any recommendations for changes to the plant operator. local health jurisdictions must monitor the operation of the facilities to assure that they are operated according to the plan. If public health or worker safety issue arise at a plant, or if a significant change occurs such as a change in the source of waste, any of the involved public agencies may propose a revision to the plan. local health jurisdictions, with assistance from the DOH, must establish verification procedures as a condition of the permit, or if an incident occurs that threatens public or worker health. Initial plans must be completed within two years of the bill's effective date. The plant operator must update the plan every two years following. Treatment facilities established after adoption of the bill must develop a plan before commencing operations. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5081: Biomedical Waste Treatment

Requires DOH, in consultation with the Department of Ecology and local health jurisdictions, to evaluate the environmental and public health impacts of biomedical waste treatment technologies, and that the evaluation be

consistent with that protocol established by the State and Territorial Association on Alternative Treatment Technologies (STAATT). All direct costs associated with the evaluation are borne by the applicant of a technology. Such costs must be paid either to the DOH, or to a state or local entity designated by the DOH. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5082: Biomedical Waste Inactivation

Declares, beginning January 1, 2001, cultures and stocks that are infectious to humans generated at microbiological laboratories shall be treated to accomplish microbial inactivation before being transported from the facility. Requires the Department to adopt, by rule, a surcharge on the license fee in this section for medical test sites licensed in microbiology to generate twenty thousand dollars per biennium to administer this act. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SSB 5083: Biomedical Waste Disposal

Provides \$100,000 to the University of Washington School of Public Affairs to conduct a study in consultation with DOH to evaluate the relative risks posed by different methods of treatment and disposal of biomedical waste. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources Do Pass.**

SB 5091: Water Rights Regulators

Establishes a more effective method of water resource management in the state of Washington. Declares in order to meet this intent, it is necessary to create a system of locally based water rights regulators, focus on water conservation, actively work to ensure proper water allocation procedures are followed, and rely on a market driven water transfer process. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5107: Puget Sound Action Team

Revises the membership of the Puget Sound action team and the interagency advisory council. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SSB 5190: Lakes Management

Creates lake management service areas to provide lake management services and facilities. Creates an aquatic plant management permit program, to coordinate, timely and predictable permit processes that will assist property owners and local governments in controlling aquatic plants. Directs DOE to establish and administer a demonstration project for the control of Eurasian water milfoil, for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the

pesticide 2,4-D at eradicating early infestations. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5228: Noise Health Effects Study

Authorizes a comprehensive review of current federal research studies on the health effects of noise and a review of current state and stream restoration to review, assess, and recommend methods for mitigating the effects caused by proposed ground water withdrawals. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5433: Biomedical Waste Disposal

Requires the inclusion of a program for the safe handling, transport, and disposal of biomedical waste. The program shall specify how biomedical waste will be segregated from other solid waste. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources Do Pass.**

SSB 5435: Environment 21 Commission

Creates the Washington Environment 21 Commission. Directs the Commission to develop recommendations for legislative and executive consideration and implementation that will increase the reliance upon environmental strategies that emphasize market incentives, pollution prevention, public education, and technical assistance; reduce inefficiency by all levels of government; achieve greater consistency among the goals, standards, and objectives of existing environmental quality statutes; build upon the recommendations of the land use study commission; ensure that the relative priority of environmental threats to the state is a central consideration in the development of state operating and capital budgets for environmental programs; achieve a uniform, consistent, and high-quality periodic assessment of the state's environmental quality, improve monitoring and data management relating to environmental quality, and establish a system to assess state-wide environmental trends over time to assist in developing policies and budgets; and reduce or eliminate environmental programs or activities that do not provide a substantial contribution to maintaining the state's environmental quality. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources Do Pass.**

SB 5478: Stream and Lake Levels

Directs the Department of Ecology to incorporate the best available science in establishing flows or levels. In developing methodologies for establishing flows or levels adequate to support the recovery of salmon and trout populations, the DOE must consult with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the science panel. DOE shall periodically consult with the Department of Fish

and Wildlife and the science panel to ensure an ongoing application of best available science in its exercise of authority under this act. Requires that for the period beginning July 1, 1999, through June 30, 2003, DOE must place the highest priority in exercising the authority under this act upon the adoption of flows or levels for the recovery of depressed salmon and trout populations. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5479: Water Resource Transfers

Enacts a comprehensive set of laws to govern voluntary transfers of and changes in water rights, including authorizing additional types of transfers of and changes in water rights in which the water code is silent or does not allow before the effective date of this section, providing more opportunity for compensatory and consensual mechanisms in which third-party interests may be addressed and transfers allowed that would otherwise be prevented by the water code's no impairment rule improving the processing of applications for transfers and providing for expedited decisions upon short-term transfers, improving the collection, management, and accessibility of information relating to water rights transfers, and providing assistance locally and at the state level to encourage water transfer transactions and the development of markets for water transfers generally. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5500: SEPA Exemptions

Declares decisions pertaining to the following activities are exempt that State Environmental Protection Act: construction of or location of any residential structures of ten or fewer dwelling units; construction of any office, school, commercial, recreational, service, or storage building with eight thousand or fewer square feet of gross floor area, and with associated parking for forty or fewer automobiles; construction of a parking lot designed for forty or fewer automobiles; division of land into nine or fewer lots or parcels; and any landfill or excavation of five hundred cubic yards throughout the total lifetime of the fill or excavation. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5507: Water Rights Processing

Revises provisions relating to the processing of water rights. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5543: Water-Sewer District. Assumption

Revises provisions relating to the assumption of water-sewer districts by cities or towns. **Senate State & Local Government.**

SB 5546: Water Resources

Authorizes the Department of Ecology to establish and maintain a stream keeper volunteer program. Declares the duties of stream keeper volunteers are limited to providing information and assistance regarding water use, facilitating cooperative arrangements among water right holders during periods of shortage, making visual inspections and documenting and reporting perceived potential violations of the water code, collecting and reporting data from metering and measuring devices, and other duties as determined by the department. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5565: Water Withdrawal Measurement

Declares accurate measurement of water withdrawal and water use is essential for sound management and conservation of water resources in the face of continually increasing demand and limited supply. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5595: Salmon Recovery Funding Board

Establishes the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, which will be responsible for making grants and loans for salmon recovery projects. **Senate Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation.**

SB 5597: Airborne/Waterborne Pathogens

Requires that airborne and waterborne pathogen risks be reduced by application of occupational health standards for airborne and waterborne pathogens that are comparable to those developed to protect workers from bloodborne pathogens. The Department of Labor & Industries, in consultation with DOH, shall develop and adopt occupational health standards for biological agents that protect workers from airborne and waterborne pathogens. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources Do Pass.**

SB 5709: Farm Use of Pesticides

States that liability and settlement provisions of the Model Toxics Control Act do not apply to any person who, for the purpose of growing food crops, prepares, stores, mixes, transports, cleans residue of, applies, or otherwise uses pesticides or fertilizers on the farm property without negligence and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. **Senate Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.**

SB 5800: Commercial Fertilizer

Revises provisions relating to unlawful commercial fertilizers. **Senate Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.**

SSB 5803: Dairy Nutrient Management

Directs the Department of Ecology to publish a guide to all registered dairy farms in the state regarding dairy nutrient management. Creates a Dairy Nutrient Management Task Force, which will make recommendations on dairy nutrient management. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SB 5804: Water Rights Change

Allows water rights to change from one agricultural use to another. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5861: Alternative Septic Systems

Requires counties to approve effluent disposal systems that meet national sanitation foundation standard 40 criteria. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5866: Fertilizer Registration

Eliminates component registration of fertilizer products. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5916: Rhinoceros or Tiger Parts

Criminalizes the possession or sale of substances that contain rhinoceros or tiger parts. **Senate Natural Resources & Parks.**

SB 5935: Salmon Recovery Task Force

Establishes a managing task force to facilitate the recovery of salmon. **Senate Natural Resources & Parks. Public Hearing, 3-3-99, 1:30 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 2.**

SB 6014: Small Scale Mining Projects

Exempts certain small scale mining projects from the requirements of chapter 75.20 RCW, provided that aggregate containing fish eggs or fry are not collected or processed at any time. **Senate Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation.**

Families and Children

SHB 1058/SB 5296: Juvenile Violence Deterrence

Develops a grant program to fund research-based prevention and early intervention programs targeting youth and their families when the youth has not yet entered the juvenile justice system. Makes an appropriation of five million dollars. **House Appropriations/Senate Human Services & Corrections.**

HB 1244: Family Services

Provides \$1,962,000 for fiscal year 2000, and \$1,963,000 for fiscal year 2001 to operate the Family Policy Council

and the Community Public Health and Safety networks. **House Appropriations.**

HB 1361/SB 5327: Abortion/Parent Notification

Prohibits a physician from performing an abortion upon an unemancipated minor or upon an incompetent person unless the physician has given forty-eight hours actual notification to a custodial parent or to the guardian of the pregnant unemancipated minor or pregnant incompetent person. Allows exceptions for victims of sexual abuse, neglect, or physical abuse by either of her parents or her guardian, as the attending physician must then provide notification to a brother or sister of the unemancipated minor or incompetent person who is over twenty-one years of age, or to a stepparent or grandparent specified by the unemancipated minor or incompetent person. Declares a parent, guardian, or other person must not coerce an unemancipated minor or incompetent person to have an abortion performed. Authorizes the unemancipated minor or incompetent person to petition a superior court for a waiver of the notification requirement and to participate in proceedings on her own behalf. Declares any physician who intentionally performs an abortion with knowledge that or with reckless disregard as to whether the person upon whom the abortion is to be performed is an unemancipated minor or an incompetent person without providing the required notification is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. **House Judiciary/Senate Health & Long Term Care.**

SHB 1362: Friendly Parent Presumption

Revises laws relating to residential provisions of permanent parenting plans. **House Rule Review.**

HB 1530/SSB 5547: School Medical Assistance

Allows school district employees, not licensed as nurses or nursing assistants, to file a written letter of refusal to administer oral medications or refusal to perform clean, intermittent bladder catheterization of students. This may not serve as grounds for employee dismissal or termination of employment. **House Education/Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

HB 1546/SB 5834: In-Home Care Services

Revises provisions related to long-term care of adults. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

HB 1590: Contraceptive Health Benefits

Assures an individual or group health insurance plan may not exclude or restrict an enrollee's access to FDA-approved prescription contraceptives or outpatient contraceptive services, if the health plan provides benefits for

prescription drugs or outpatient health services. **House Health Care.**

HB 1611: School Law Waivers

Deletes the expiration date of June 30, 1999 relating to waivers of certain laws and rules pertaining to schools. **House Education.**

HB 1620: Vulnerable Adult Protection

Provides DSHS and law enforcement agencies with the authority to investigate complaints of abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, or neglect of vulnerable adults. Provides protective services and legal remedies to protect them. **House Health Care.**

SHB 1650: Oral Medications at Schools

Expands the list of health professionals who may request to have school employees administer oral medications to students. **House Rules Consideration.**

HB 1659/SSB 5465: Family Planning Services

Authorizes DSHS to, upon receipt of approval from the federal Health Care Financing Administration, to implement a waiver under section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act to provide family planning services to persons with family incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. **House Appropriations/Senate Ways & Means.**

HB 1702: Medicaid Trial Prescriptions

Directs DSHS to establish a trial prescription program to increase compliance and reduce Medicaid costs. **House Health Care.** *Public Hearing, 3-1-99, 8:00 p.m., House Hearing Room C.*

HB 1733: Residential Day Care Location

Prohibits any city, town, or county from restricting or prohibiting the use of a residential dwelling, located in an area zoned for residential or commercial use, as a family day-care provider's facility serving 12 or fewer children. **House Local Government.**

HB 1764: Substance-Affected Infants

Requires that a pregnant or lactating woman's health care provider screen for substance abuse. The provider must convey positive test results from a mother to the infant's primary health care provider. Provides for the option of a tubal-ligation of the affected mother at no cost to her. Requires health care providers to inform mothers of substance-affected infants of drug treatment and birth control services. Requires the health care provider of a newborn infant test any infant the provider reasonably be-

lieves is drug-affected; and notify DSHS of the name and address of the parent or parents of a drug-affected infant. **House Children & Family Services.**

HB 1784: Adoption Information Disclosure

Requires that, after receiving a request by an adopted person 18 years of age or older, DOH shall provide the person with a noncertified copy of their original birth certificate, unless the birth parent has filed an affidavit of nondisclosure. **House Children & Family Services.**

HB 1808/SB 5783: Nurse/Student Ratios

Requires that, beginning with the 1999-2000 school year, each school district shall maintain a ratio of not less than one school nurse for every 1,500 full-time equivalent students. In the 2000-01 school year, each school district shall maintain a ratio of not less than one school nurse for every 1,000 full-time equivalent students. In the 2001-02 school year, each school district shall maintain a ratio of not less than one school nurse for every 750 full-time equivalent students. **House Education/Senate Education.**

HB 1837/SB 5766: Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Requires the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program to increase the number of trained volunteer long-term care ombudsmen available to residents living in these settings. Appropriates funds from the general fund to the Dept. of Community, Trade, and Economic Development for distribution state-wide to the regional offices of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

HB 1855: Breastfeeding

Declares that the act of breastfeeding or expressing breast milk is not indecent exposure. Requires that, except where reasonable safety or security considerations require other options, an employer must make reasonable efforts to provide a convenient, sanitary, safe, private, and comfortable room or other location, in close proximity to the work area, other than a restroom, where the employee can express her milk in privacy. **House Commerce & Labor.**

HB 1892/SB 5854: Hunger Survey

Directs DOH to administer and coordinate a hunger survey project. The project shall determine the prevalence of hunger in the total population and among low-income families; the characteristics of hungry families and the extent to which anti-hunger resources are or are not addressing their needs; and the ways hungry families attempt to cope with food shortages and the lessons their

efforts provide in making services more effective. **House Children & Family Services/Senate Ways & Means.**

HB 1905/SB 5775: Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Allows a trained volunteer long-term care ombudsman may identify, investigate, and resolve complaints made by or on behalf of residents of long-term care facilities relating to action, inaction, or decisions, which may adversely affect the health, safety, welfare, and rights of these individuals. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

HB 1922: Employer Provided Child Care

Intends to provide tax credits to small businesses, located in distressed areas, that provide employee child care benefits to their employees. **House Children & Family Services**

HB 1937/SB 5864: Long-Term Care Residents

Allows a health maintenance organization to return an individual to his or her nursing care facility. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

HB 1984: Matter Harmful to Minors

Intends to provide minors with protection from exposure to sexually explicit materials. **House Judiciary.**

HB 1988/SB 5930: Maternity Care/at-risk Mother

Expands maternity care for at-risk mothers and their children up to age three under the Medicaid and Social Security Program. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.** *Public Hearing, 3-3-99, 12:30 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 4.*

HB 2004: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Provides services for individuals diagnosed with fetal alcohol syndrome regardless of the intelligence quotient of the individual. **House Children & Family Services.**

HB 2074: Infant Care/Leave from Work

Intends that leave to care for a newborn child is not leaving work voluntarily without good cause. The claimant must give notice to the employer at least 30 days before leave to care for the newborn child is expected to begin and promptly request reemployment at the end of the leave. **House Commerce & Labor.**

HB 2100/SB 5883: Adult Family Home Licenses

Authorizes DSHS to implement a moratorium on the issuance of new adult family home licenses if the number of licensed adult family homes exceeds the department's

capacity to monitor for safety and quality of care standards. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

HB 2145: Autism Services

Appropriates \$227,000 to DSHS to create an alternative service delivery project for families with and autistic child.

House Appropriations.

HB 2219: Women's Health Protection

Intends to reduce the incidence of postabortion stress syndrome. Requires insurance coverage at parity for post-traumatic stress disorder services or postabortion stress health services and requires that this coverage be delivered under the same terms and conditions as medical and surgical coverage. Authorizes DOH to contract for provision of postabortion stress syndrome counseling. Initiates a media campaign to promote counseling for postabortion stress syndrome. Increases funding for providing postabortion stress syndrome counseling, education, outreach, and services. **House Health Care.**

SB 5014: Employer Sponsored Childcare

Provides economic incentives for employer-sponsored child care benefits. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development.**

SB 5070: Controlled Substance Delivery

Includes delivery of a controlled substance to a pregnant woman as an aggravating circumstance in sentencing determinations. **Senate Judiciary.**

SB 5131: Day Care Liability Insurance

Requires every licensed child day-care center and family day-care provider to provide to the department proof that the licensee has day-care insurance as defined in RCW 48.88.020 or for day-care centers, is self-insured pursuant to chapter 48.90 RCW. Liability limits under this section shall be the same as set forth in RCW 48.88.050. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5132: Child Care Service Information

Requires every child day-care center and family day-care provider to prominently post their license, notice of any pending enforcement action, notice that inspection reports and any notices of enforcement actions for the previous three years are available from the licensee and the department, and any other information required by DSHS. Requires every child day-care center and family day-care provider to have readily available for review by DSHS, parents, and the public a copy of each inspection

report and notice of enforcement action received by the center or provider from the department for the past three years. Directs DSHS to place a child day-care center or family day-care provider on non-referral status or stop placement status if the center or provider has failed or refused to comply with chapter 74.15 RCW or rules adopted under that chapter and an enforcement action has been taken. Directs DSHS to establish and maintain a toll-free telephone number for communication of information regarding child day-care centers and family day-care providers. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5141: Newborn Screening Service Fee

Allows DOH to collect an additional fee for supplying services under the state's infant screening program. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5277: Higher Education Student Child Care

Allows the Higher Education Coordinating Board to award, on a competitive basis, child care grants to state institutions of higher education to encourage programs to address the need for high quality, accessible, and affordable child care for students at higher education institutions. Provides that the higher education coordinating board and the state board for community and technical colleges shall administer the programs. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SB 5293: Family Leave

Revises provisions relating to family leave. Allows persons working 10 hours weekly to apply for family and medical leave. Requires employers of 50 or more persons to comply with this act. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SSB 5295: Breastfeeding

Declares the act of breastfeeding or expressing breast milk is not indecent exposure. Allows that, except where reasonable safety or security considerations require other options, an employer must make reasonable efforts to provide a convenient, sanitary, safe, private, and comfortable room or other location, in close proximity to the work area, other than a restroom, where the employee can express her milk in privacy. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SB 5311: Body Piercing

Prohibits body piercing on persons under the age of eighteen. **Senate Judiciary.**

SB 5390: Healthy Birth Outcomes

Restricts the maternity care access system to solely and exclusively providing for prenatal, delivery, and postna-

tal care intended to achieve healthy birth outcomes. Any medical or health or social-related services associated with the termination of a pregnancy including but not limited to information, counseling, and referral is prohibited from being provided or funded through this program. Requires any funding for medical care services or medical assistance associated with the termination of a pregnancy including information, counseling, and referral to be accounted for and identified in a separate and discrete manner so that these funds are accounted for under a separate and distinct funding allotment and program element in the budget. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5430: Women's Health Office

Creates the Office of Women's Health within DOH. Provides equity in policy considerations and decisions affecting women's health, additional opportunities for basic and applied research directly affecting women's health, and innovative programs to address the effects of domestic violence on the health of women in the state of Washington. Makes an appropriation of an unspecified amount to carry out the purposes of the act. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5480: Drug-Affected Infants

Requires a woman's primary health care provider to identify and screen pregnant and lactating women according to the criteria developed by DOH, convey to the infant's primary health care provider screening findings that would suggest the need for testing of the infant, or conduct the testing, inform the birth mother of an infant who tests positive that she can have a tubal ligation at no cost to her within six months following the birth, and inform the birth mother of an infant who tests positive of appropriate drug treatment and birth control services. Requires the health care provider of a newborn infant to test any infant the provider reasonably believes is drug-affected and notify DSHS of the name and address of the parent or parents of a drug-affected infant. **Senate Human Services & Corrections.**

SB 5555: Health Care Background Checks

Intends to protect children, vulnerable adults, and other consumers of health care by requiring background checks of all individuals applying for and holding registrations, certifications, and licenses to practice as health care practitioners in the state. Permanently disqualifies an individual from holding a license under the Uniform Disciplinary Act if the individual has a conviction record of a serious violent offense, a sex offense, any felony offense

constituting sexual exploitation of a minor, criminal mistreatment of a child or dependent person, or the sale or purchase of a minor child, or any federal or out-of-state equivalent to those designated by this act. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5561: Vulnerable Adult Protection

Provides DSHS and law enforcement agencies with the authority to investigate complaints of abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, or neglect of vulnerable adults. Provides protective services and legal remedies to protect them. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SSB 5590: Oral Medications at Schools

Expands the list of health professionals who may request to have school employees administer oral medications to students. Declares that a school employee who administers oral medication to a student and is in substantial compliance with the prescription of the student's licensed health professional who is prescribing within the scope of the professional's prescriptive authority or the written instructions provided with the medication, then the employee, the employee's school district or school of employment, and the members of the governing board and chief administrator shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages as a result of the administration of the medication. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SB 5633: Eliminating Arts, Health & Fitness Education Requirements

Deletes the arts, health, and fitness education requirements in schools in implementation of the Education Reform Act. **Senate Education.**

SB: 5771: Medical Marijuana

Clarifies the administration and enforcement of medical marijuana regulations. Reinforces the legitimate medical decisions made by physicians, primary caregivers, and qualifying patients by adopting necessary clarifying amendments. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5772: Domestic Violence Victims Records

Strengthens the confidentiality of records for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SB 5828: Gift of Life Award

The legislature shall establish the Washington Gift of Life award to recognize the special kindness of those who donate their organs. **Senate State & Local Government.**

SB 5898: Hepatitis A Immunizations/Tax

Provides a tax credit for employers that pay for employee hepatitis A immunizations. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5959: Newborn Child Care Leave

Declares that leave to care for a newborn child is not leaving work voluntarily without good cause. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development.**

SB 6020: Social Security Numbers

Delays implementation of the requirement to record social security numbers on license applications to assist in child support enforcement. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development.**

Fiscal

HB 1165/SB 5182: Capital Budget

Makes appropriations and authorizes expenditures for capital improvements. **House Capital Budget/Senate Ways & Means.**

HB 1167/SB 5183: Capital Budget/ Supplemental

Makes supplemental appropriations and authorizes expenditures for capital improvements. **House Capital Budget/Senate Ways & Means.**

HB 1186/SB 5180: Operating Budget

Makes appropriations and authorizes expenditures for the operations of state agencies for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001. **House Appropriations/Senate Ways & Means.**

HB 1187: Operating Budget/Supplemental

Makes supplemental appropriations for the 1997-99 biennium. **House Appropriations.**

HB 1235: Health Records Fees

Prohibits charging a fee for furnishing recorded health care information to a patient, his or her attorney, or authorized representative, if the information is requested for the purpose of supporting a claim or appeal under any provision of the Social Security Act or any federal or state financial needs-based benefit program, and the request is accompanied by documentation of the claim or appeal. **House Health Care.**

HB 1256: Women's Health

Authorizes the Secretary of Health to accept such grants, services, and property from the federal government, foundations, organizations, medical schools, and other enti-

ties as are available for the purposes of activities and services to promote women's health. **House Health Care.**

HB 1640: Community Health Clinics/Tax

Provides tax exemptions for community health clinics. **House Finance.**

SSB 5181 Operating Budget/Supplemental

Makes supplemental appropriations for the 1997-99 biennium. **House Appropriations.**

SB 5250: Women's Health Programs

Authorizes the secretary to accept such grants, services, and property from the federal government, foundations, organizations, medical schools, and other entities as are available for the purpose of designing and implementing programs that specifically address the health-related needs of women. **Senate Rules Eligible 2nd Reading.**

SB 5755: Emergency Medical Service Funds

Declares that all tobacco settlement funds will be used for emergency medical services throughout the state. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5778: Disease Outbreak Response Fund

Provides funds to help local health jurisdictions with costs associated with communicable disease outbreaks and tuberculosis detentions. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 6013: Health Needs Programs

Authorizes the secretary to accept such grants, services, and property from the federal government, foundations, organizations, medical schools, and other entities as are available for the purpose of designing and implementing programs that address the health-related needs of the people of the state of Washington. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

Injury Prevention

SHB 1181: Domestic Violence Perpetrator

Requires if a domestic violence perpetrator or the victim has a minor child, treatment must specifically include education regarding the effects of domestic violence on children, such as the emotional impacts of domestic violence on children and the long-term consequences that exposure to incidents of domestic violence may have on children, and parenting skills to help the perpetrator control the events or behavior that lead to incidents of domestic violence. The court may, as part of any term of

community supervision, order the offender to participate in an approved domestic violence perpetrator program. **House 2nd Reading.**

HB 1196: Concealed Pistol Permits

Allows concealed weapons permits issued in other states and territories to remain valid within Washington. **House Rules Review**

HB 1211: Sex Offender Registry

Requires the Washington State Patrol to maintain an internet site containing the following information from the central sex offenders registry: Name, current address, crime for which convicted, and date and place of conviction. The state patrol shall make this information available to the public in paper form upon request. **House Criminal Justice & Corrections.**

HB 1223/SB 5287: Motorcycle Equipment

Removes the current requirement that motorcycle riders wear an approved safety helmet, unless the rider is under twenty-one years of age. Revises other motorcycle equipment laws. **House Transportation/Senate Transportation.**

HB 1352: Concealed Pistol Licenses

Declares "good cause" for a temporary emergency license includes, but is not limited to, when the applicant has obtained a valid no-contact order, anti-harassment order, or protection order restraining another person from molesting or disturbing the applicant or excluding another person from going onto the grounds of or entering the home, workplace, or school of the applicant and has sworn by affidavit that it is not unlawful for the applicant to possess a firearm. **House 2nd Reading.**

SHB 1391: Concealed Pistol Permits

Declares a license from another jurisdiction is valid only if the license is currently valid in that jurisdiction; and the Department of Licensing, after consultation with the Washington State Patrol, has adopted a rule identifying the jurisdiction as one that has restrictions that are at least as restrictive as those in Washington and recognizes Washington State concealed pistol licenses as valid in that state or will recognize Washington licenses upon the department's identification of the jurisdiction. **House Rules Review 2nd Reading.**

HB 1406: Pistol Purchase or Transfer

Eliminates the authority of the Department of Licensing to keep records of pistol purchases or transfers. **House Judiciary.**

HB 1424/SB 5017: Firearms Access by Minors

Requires the storage in a manner that restricts a minor's likely access to the firearm without the permission of the minor's parent or the person having charge of the minor or supervision required by law. Makes it a class C felony if a person violates this act and, as a result thereof, a minor gains access to a firearm and uses it to inflict injury or death upon himself or herself, or any other person. Defines "minor", for purposes of this act as a person under the age of sixteen. **House Judiciary/Senate Judiciary.**

HB 1452: Cancer Screening for Low-Income Women

Provides a \$1,000,000 annual appropriation for the screening of low-income women aged 40-49 for breast and cervical cancer. **House Appropriations.**

HB 1552/SB 5570: Vehicular Assault

Declares a person guilty of vehicular assault if he operates or drives any vehicle with disregard for the safety of others, and this conduct causes serious bodily injury to another. **House Appropriations/Senate Judiciary.**

HB 1555/SB 5573: Criminal History Records

Declares criminal justice agencies may furnish certain criminal records to other agencies. This provision of information is not considered a dissemination of criminal records. **House Judiciary/Senate Judiciary.**

HB 1752: Firearms at Child Care Facilities

Prohibits firearms at day-care centers and preschools. **House Judiciary.**

HB 1757: Inmate DNA Testing

Requires that juveniles and adults who are convicted of violent or sexual offenses submit blood samples for DNA testing. Intends that all health care providers assist interested parents in obtaining blood samples for DNA testing for safekeeping by the parent. This will enable parents to better assist law enforcement in finding and identifying a child in the unfortunate event of a child's disappearance or abduction, and in identifying children who may be victims in accidents or natural disasters. **House Criminal Justice & Corrections Do Pass.**

HB 1791/SB 5554: Community/Technical College Board Duties

Authorizes community and technical colleges boards of trustees to adopt rules regarding weapons on district-owned or maintained property. **House Judiciary/Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

HB 1806: Vessel Operation Under Influence

Revises provisions relating to operating a vessel while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug. **House Judiciary.**

HB 2011: Brain Injury Trust Fund

Imposes a \$1 surcharge on a new or renewed driver's license, and on a new motorcycle endorsement. Creates the Brain Injury Trust Fund to provide services to persons disabled by traumatic brain injuries with funds collected by the surcharge. **House Transportation.**

HB 2046: Brain Injury Trust Fund

Imposes a \$100 fine on persons who are convicted of certain crimes. The fines collected will be deposited in the Brain Injury Trust Fund, for the purpose of providing services to persons disabled by traumatic brain injuries. **House Appropriations.**

SSB 5094: Personal Flotation Devices

Requires that a child 12 years old and under, while aboard a vessel under 19 feet in length on the waters of this state, must wear a U. S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device while the vessel is underway, with limited exceptions. **House Natural Resources.**

SB 5294: Firearms Storage

Declares a person is guilty of reckless endangerment if the person stores or leaves a loaded firearm in a location where the person knows, or reasonably should know, that a child is likely to gain access, and a child obtains possession of the loaded firearm. Does not apply if the firearm is secured in a locked box, gun safe, other secure locked storage space, or secured with a lock or any device that prevents the firearm from discharging, if the child's access to the firearm is supervised by an adult, if the child's access to the firearm was obtained as a result of an unlawful entry, or if the child's access to the firearm was in accordance with state law. Requires that, when selling any firearm, every dealer must offer to sell or give the purchaser a locked box, gun safe, a lock, or any device that prevents the firearm from discharging. **Senate Judiciary.**

SB 5356: Sex Offender Chemical Treatment

Requires that, if a sexual offense is not one for which the conviction results in the offender's being a persistent offender, the court shall impose as a condition of release such treatment, including the use of medroxyprogesterone acetate, or a comparable chemical, together with any other mental health or chemical dependency treatment, as the court finds appropriate to reduce the likelihood of the

offender's commission of a subsequent sex offense upon release. Allows an offender to seek early termination of a treatment regimen imposed under this subsection, but an early termination may not be granted unless, by clear and convincing evidence, the offender proves that the offender no longer has a mental abnormality and that a continued treatment regimen is not necessary to prevent the offender's commission of a predatory act. Allows an offender to agree to surgical alternatives to medroxyprogesterone acetate or a comparable chemical treatment if the offender voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently petitions the court in writing. Declares an offender who unlawfully stops treatment imposed under this subsection is guilty of a class B felony. **Senate Judiciary.**

SB 5448: Firearms on Public Transit

Makes it unlawful for a person to carry any firearm onto, or to possess on, any means of public transit. **Senate Judiciary.**

SB 5824: Children on Motorcycles

Enhances safety for children transported on motorcycles or a motor-driven cycle. **Senate Transportation.**

Insurance

HB 1301/SSB 5416: Children's Health Insurance

Creates the Children's Health Insurance Program to provide health care to children who are eligible for health care coverage under Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act. **House Health Care/Senate Ways & Means Do Pass.**

HB 1469: Children's Health Initiative:

Creates the Children's Health Insurance Program to provide health care to children who are eligible for health care coverage under Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act. Creates the program under the Health Care Authority. Limits the program to children with special health care needs. **House Health Care.**

HB 1496: Health Coverage Enrollment:

Requires, no later than September 1, 1999, the Secretary of Social and Health Services, the Administrator of the State Health Care Authority, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to implement a children's health care outreach program to inform children and their parents of the availability of the medical assistance program and the basic health plan. **House Health Care.**

HB 1624: Health Care Decisions

Seeks to protect Washington residents in need of medically-necessary care and treatment from inappropriate treatment delays or denials from medical carriers. **House Judiciary.**

HB 1847/SB 5776: Chiropractic Services Access

Requires that certain health insurance policies provide enrolled patients with direct access to covered chiropractic services without a prior referral. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care**

HB 1888: Patient Bill of Rights

Intends that patients covered by health plans receive quality health care designed to maintain and improve their health. Declares that health plan patients: have sufficient and timely access to clinically and culturally appropriate health care services designed to maintain and improve health; have adequate choice among qualified health care professionals; are assured that health care decisions are made by appropriate medical personnel based upon sound medical standards; have improved access to information regarding their health plans; have access to a quick and impartial process for appealing plan denials of health care coverage; are protected from unnecessary invasions of health care privacy; are assured that personal health care information will be used only as necessary to obtain and pay for health care or to improve the quality of care; and are protected from unfair and deceptive practices. **House Health Care.**

HB 1889: General Anesthesia Services

Requires that each public employee benefit plan that offers coverage for hospital, medical, or ambulatory surgery center services, to cover hospital and general anesthesia services in conjunction with dental procedures in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center if the covered person: is under the age of 7 and the required procedure cannot be safely and effectively performed in a dental office; is physically or developmentally disabled and cannot be safely and effectively treated in a dental office; or has at least one medical condition that would create an undue medical risk if treatment is not performed in a hospital or ambulatory surgery center; such treatment must be approved by the patient's physician. **House Health Care.**

HB 1952/SB 5848: Basic Health Plan Coverage

Intends that the Basic Health Plan administrator develop alternative purchasing strategies to ensure access to basic

health plan enrollees in all areas of the state, with an emphasis on rural and underserved areas. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

HB 2032: Patient Bill of Rights

Intends that patients covered by health plans receive quality health care as described in the patient Bill of Rights. **House Health Care.**

HB 2131/SB 5349: Cranial Hair Insurance

Requires insurance coverage for cranial hair prostheses for alopecia areata. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SSB 5111: Genetic Information/Health Insurance

Declares a health carrier may not deny or cancel health plan coverage, or vary the premiums, terms, or conditions for health plan coverage, for an individual or a family member of an individual, on the basis of genetic information, or because the individual or family member of an individual has requested or received genetic services. **Senate Rules Eligible 2nd Reading.**

SSB 5112: Mastectomies/Health Insurance

Requires every health carrier and every state purchased health care plan that provides coverage for mastectomies to permit the attending provider, in consultation with the patient, to make decisions on the length of inpatient stay after a mastectomy. These decisions must be based on accepted medical practice. **House Health Care.**

SB 5355: Medicare Replacement Policies

Requires issuer of Medicare supplement insurance policies to cover both Medicare hospital and physician services without evidence of insurability, for people who are eligible because of age, disability, or end-stage renal disease, if the Medicare supplement policy replaces a similar policy or certificate. Insurers may set rates only on a community-rated basis, and may develop no more than two rating pools. **Senate 2nd Reading.**

SB 5398: Eating Disorder Health Insurance

Requires health carriers to provide coverage for the treatment of eating disorders. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SSB 5425: Mental Health Services

Requires that health insurance plans provide coverage for mental health services, and do so under the same terms and conditions as coverage for medical and surgical services, imposing treatment limitations or financial requirements on one only if the same limitations or require-

ments are imposed on the other. An insurer's use of preauthorization screening or a medical necessity standard with regard to mental health services is explicitly not prohibited. This requirement applies to public employee health plans and the subsidized Basic Health Plan. It also applies to private plans for groups of more than 50 persons issued or renewed after January 1, 2001, and to private plans for groups of 50 or less issued or renewed after January 1, 2002. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5445: Mandated Benefit Bill Review

Gives discretion to the chair of an appropriate committee of the Legislature to determine if it is in the public interest to review any mandated benefit bill that has been referred to the committee. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SSB 5512: Contraceptive Insurance Coverage

Attempts to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and ensure access to contraceptive services in health plans that cover prescription drugs and outpatient health services. Provides an exemption from the bill for those who object to contraceptives for reason of conscience or religion. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SB 5587: Patient Bill of Rights

Declares health plan patients have: sufficient and timely access to clinically and culturally appropriate health care services to maintain and improve health; adequate choice among qualified health care professionals; are assured that health care decisions are made by appropriate medical personnel based upon sound medical standards; improved access to information regarding their health plans; access to a quick and impartial process for appealing denials of health care coverage; are protected from unnecessary invasions of health care privacy; are assured that personal health care information will be used only as necessary to obtain and pay for health care or to improve the quality of care; and are protected from unfair and deceptive practices. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5588: Health Carrier Advertising

Prohibits a health carrier from engaging in unfair or deceptive acts or practices, such as placing advertisements that are false, inaccurate, or misleading. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SSB 5607: Retired/Disabled Health Insurance

Requires a county, municipality, or other political subdivision that has a health insurance plan for its employees to permit retired and disabled employees and their dependents to continue participation in the plan, subject

to certain exceptions. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SB 5786: Acupuncture Services

Including acupuncture as a service provided as medical assistance. Directs DSHS to limit the number of acupunctural treatments provided to a maximum of 12 per year per patient. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5812: Health Care Claim Payment

Requires medical insurers to pay health care claims promptly. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5813: Health Plan Medical Director

Requires third-party payors to designate a licensed medical director for its coverage decisions. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5833: Health Care Service Decisions

Regulates health care service decisions to prevent inappropriate medical treatment delays or denials. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5870: Pharmacy Service Coverage

Requires coverage of pharmacy services by disability insurers. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 6022: Medicaid Prescription Program

Establishes a Medicaid Trial Prescription Program to increase compliance and reduce costs. The program shall inform prescribing practitioners and pharmacists of the parameters of the program. The program shall include an exception provision in the event that returning for the balance of the prescription would impose an undue hardship on a patient. Requires the department to consult with the department's drug utilization review committee to determine the drugs to be included in the program. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.** *Public Hearing, 3-2-99, 6:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 4.*

Professional/Facilities Licensing

HB 1000/SB 5747: Counselors/Privileged Communication

Requires communications between certified counselors and their clients remain privileged. **House Judiciary/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SHB 1113/SSB 5149: Occupational Therapy

Declares that no person may practice or represent himself or herself as an occupational therapy practitioner without first having a valid license to do so. Declares that

treatment by an occupational therapy practitioner of such a medical case may take place only upon the referral of a physician, osteopathic physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, naturopath, chiropractor, physician assistant, psychologist, or advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed to practice in this state.. **House Rules Consideration/Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

HB 1135: Privileged Communications

Declares any communication or information acquired by any emergency service provider involved in a peer support counseling session conducted by a peer support group counselor is confidential and shall not be disclosed by any party attending the group counseling session, except to the extent necessary to provide assistance pursuant to the counseling session. **House Judiciary.**

HB 1216/SB 5200: Secretary of Health Authority

Deletes the provision terminating the Secretary of Health's authority for rulemaking activities related to administrative procedure on March 1, 1999. **House Rules Consideration/Senate 2nd Reading.**

HB 1217/SB 5540: Hospital Licensing Information

Allows the release of hospital licensing, complaint, and administrative action information as allowed under public disclosure law. Establishes timeframes for disclosure of licensing inspections, complaint investigations and administrative actions to allow the hospital adequate time to receive materials prior to disclosure. Allows DOH, the Joint Committee on Accreditation of Health Organizations or any other accrediting organization to review and audit peer review records created by a quality improvement committee. Protects peer review records from disclosure during the discovery process. Directs hospitals to produce and make accessible to the department appropriate records to facilitate the review/audit process. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SHB 1218: Nurse Delegation of Tasks

Authorizes RNs to delegate nursing care tasks using their professional nursing judgment and standards of practice to registered or certified nursing assistants in community-based care settings. Provides authority to the Nursing Commission to develop protocols for implementing all nurse delegation through rulemaking. Allows RNs, on a case by case basis, to delegate tasks to nursing assistants in community-based care settings prior to the nursing assistant completing the nurse delegation core training. The RN is required to provide all necessary one-on-one training specific to that task and consumer and would

assure that the nursing assistant received the core delegation training within the first 60 days of the delegation process. Lack of completion of core training in the first 60 days of the delegation process will result in immediately rescinding the delegation process. No extensions would be permitted. **House Rules Consideration.**

SHB 1251/SSB 5415: Boards, Commissions, and Programs

Allows the Secretary of Health to designate health care assistants and other health care providers to serve on ad hoc committees appointed by the Secretary to study specified topics. Removes the specific authority of the Secretary to appoint dietitians and nutritionists to serve on such committees. Eliminates the Health Professions Advisory Committee. **House Rules Review/Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

HB 1483: Nursing Facility Payment

Changes the way in which economic trends are adjusted for recognizing costs by requiring the use of the HCFA index. The ceiling for home office costs is eliminated and therapy costs are removed from the daily rate and are set up on a fee system administered by the Medical Assistance Administration. DSHS is given authority for establishing exceptional rates for residents needing specialized heavy care. Establishes a new rate component called the "tax component" allowing facilities that pay taxes to recoup these funds. Carries forward three year rebasing beyond its current 2001 expiration date. **House State Government.**

HB 1486: Refracting Opticians

Revises provisions relating to authorizing dispensing opticians to perform eye refraction and modify existing prescriptions to reflect changes in vision. **House Health Care.**

HB 1533: Health Care Work Place Violence:

Requires that, by July 1, 2000, each health care setting shall develop and implement a plan to reasonably prevent and protect employees from violence at the setting. **House Commerce & Labor.**

HB 1699: Dentist Continuing Education

Directs the Dental Quality Commission to establish continuing education for dentists. **House Health Care.**

HB 1711: Hospital Licensing Information

Declares that information received by DOH through filed reports or hospital inspections may be disclosed. Exceptions are licensing inspections or complaint investigations,

which may be disclosed no sooner than 3 business days after the hospital has received the resulting assessment report. Information regarding administrative action against the licensee may be disclosed after the hospital has received the documents initiating the administrative action. Provides that DOH, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, and any other accrediting organization may review and audit the records of a quality improvement or peer review committee in connection with their inspection and review of hospitals. The information obtained will not be subject to the discovery process, and confidentiality shall be respected as required. Each hospital will produce and make accessible to DOH the appropriate records and otherwise facilitate the review and audit. **House Health Care. Public Hearing, 3-2-99, 1:30 p.m., House Hearing Room C.**

HB 1762: Audiologist/Speech Pathologist

Designates provisions for the licensure of audiologists and speech-language pathologists. **House Health Care.**

HB 1862: Health Professionals Licenses

Declares that the disciplining authority may order restrictions on or the revocation of a health care professional's license to practice, after a finding or hearing that a license holder or applicant has committed unprofessional conduct or is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to a physical or mental condition. **House Health Care.**

HB 1863: Part-Time Health Commissions

Provides for compensation to part-time health commissions. **House Health Care.**

HB 1864: Surgical Technologists

Authorizes the registration of surgical technologists. **House Health Care. Public Hearing 3-1-99, 8:00 p.m., House Hearing Room B.**

HB 1868: Impaired Dentist Account

Requires DOH to collect a small surcharge on dental professional licenses to establish the Impaired Dentist Account, for the voluntary treatment and rehabilitation of impaired dentists. **House Health Care.**

HB 1992: Epinephrine Administration

Allows a certified emergency medical technician to administer epinephrine after the completion of an approved specialized training course. Directs DOH to develop and approve this course. **House Health Care.**

HB 1994: Child Care Subsidy Rates

Sets child care rates at minimum at the 75th percentile of the most recent biennial rate survey, based on regional differences, the age of the child, and the type of care provided, as reflected in the rate survey. **House Appropriations.**

HB 2031/SB 5920: Midwives/Women's Health Care

Includes midwives in the definition of health care practitioners that provide women's health care services. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

HB 2056/SB 5874: Optometrists' Drug Use

Requires specific guidelines for the prescription and administration of drugs by optometric physicians. Prohibits an optometrist to prescribe, dispense, or administer a controlled substance for more than 7 days in treating an individual patient. Limits the drugs available for practice of optometry. Prohibits a hospital that serves the general public from discriminating against a qualified licensed optometrist who applies for hospital privileges. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

HB 2057/SB 5805: Nurse Practitioners Prescriptive Authority

Completes prescriptive authority for advanced registered nurse practitioners. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5006: Animal Pregnancy Testing

Exempts animal pregnancy testing from veterinary licensing requirements. **Senate Agriculture & Rural Development.**

SSB 5050: Intractable Pain Treatment.

Allows health professionals who have taken reasonable efforts to eliminate or alleviate pain to prescribe Schedule II-IV drugs for the treatment of intractable pain. Does not address treatment of conditions other than intractable pain with controlled substances included in Schedules II through V. Provides that the licensing entity for health professionals licensed in this state to prescribe controlled substances, shall not take action against the health professional's license, if the health professional follows the accepted standard of care for treatment of intractable pain with controlled substances and the licensed health professional obtains informed consent. Declares that prescription of controlled substances included in Schedules II through V for intractable pain by a health professional licensed in this state to prescribe controlled substances is not a criminal offense. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SB 5114: Hospital Annual Inspections

Provides an exemption from annual inspections for hospitals accredited by the American Osteopathic Association similar to that offered to hospitals accredited by the Joint Committee on Accreditation of Health Organizations. **Senate 2nd Reading.**

SSB 5149: Occupational Therapy

Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants are considered occupational therapy practitioners. Physicians, osteopathic physicians, podiatrists, surgeons, naturopaths, chiropractors, physician assistants, clinical psychologists, and advanced registered nurse practitioners can refer patients to occupational therapy practitioners. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SB 5216: Podiatric Physician/Surgeon

Authorizes podiatric physicians and surgeons to become physician assistants. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5262: Sleep Monitoring

Declares the scope of practice for respiratory care practitioners does not prohibit any person from performing sleep monitoring tasks under the supervision or direction of a licensed health care provider. **Senate 2nd Reading.**

SSB 5312: Health Care Workplace Violations

Requires that, by July 1, 2000, each health care setting shall develop and implement a plan to reasonably prevent and protect employees from violence. Requires that, by July 1, 2001, and on a regular basis thereafter, each health care setting shall provide violence prevention training to all its employees. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5388: Dental Hygienists/Sealants

Allows a dental hygienist to apply for endorsement by DOH as a school sealant endorsed dental hygienist upon completion of the Washington State sealant guidelines and training. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

HB 1933/SSB 5599: Temporary Worker Housing

Requires DOH to adopt joint rules for the licensing, operation, inspection, and enforcement of temporary worker housing. These rules must establish worker protection standards that are as effective, but do not exceed, the standards developed under WISHA. Decisions whether to extend a licensee's permit must be coordinated at the state and local level. **House State Government/Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5604: Health Facility Worker Identification

Requires all persons providing health care services directly to patients at a health care facility to wear identification badges. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5630: Farm Worker Housing

Authorizes the Housing Finance Commission to provide a revenue source for farm worker housing through the auction sale of tax credits. **Senate Commerce, Trade, Housing & Financial Institutions.**

SB 5648: Lodging Businesses

Provides consistency in definitions regarding businesses furnishing lodging; defines a hotel as a facility that furnishes three or more rooms for guest accommodation. **Senate Commerce, Trade, Housing & Financial Institutions.**

SB 5657: Veterinary Medical Facilities

Allows animal care and control agencies and nonprofit humane societies that employ veterinarians may own and operate veterinary medical facilities. **Senate Commerce, Trade, Housing & Financial Institutions.**

SB 5669: Conversion Vending/Medical Units

Requires specific rules for the occupants of conversion vending units and medical units to protect the occupants from fire and other dangers. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SB 5702: Physician's Assistants

Revises physician assistant licensing and practice requirements. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SB 5739: Death Certificates

Allows physician's assistants or advanced registered nurses as persons to be presented certificates of death. **Senate Rules 2nd Reading.**

SB 5768: Emergency Medical Services

Allows emergency medical technicians to administer epinephrine. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5773: Dental Hygiene Board

Creates the Board of Dental Hygiene. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5821: On-Site Wastewater Treatment

Establishes a state-wide licensing program for persons who design on-site wastewater treatment systems. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SB 5877: Surgical Technologists

Provides for the registration of surgical technologists. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 5917: Medical Quality Assurance Commission

Raises to \$250 the compensation per day for members of the Medical Quality assurance Commission. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.** *Public Hearing, 3-1-99, 12:30 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 4.*

SB 5920: Optometry Board Membership

Adds one public member and one licensed ophthalmologist to the Board of Optometry and one optometrist to the Medical Quality Assurance Commission. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.** *Public Hearing, 3-2-99, 6:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 4.*

SB 5934: Naturopathic Physicians

Creates a regulatory program for naturopathic physicians. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

SB 6023: School Athletic Event Volunteer

Limits liability for physicians who volunteer to provide medical care at school athletic events. **Senate Judiciary.**

SB 6029: Reflexologists

Requires that certified reflexologists meet educational requirements as set by the board subject to the approval of the secretary by rule. The educational requirements shall meet a minimum standard of educational hours of coursework specific to the practice of reflexology as determined by rule. Declares that no person may practice reflexology without receiving a certificate to practice reflexology from the board. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

Regulatory Reform

HB 1010: Rural Distressed Areas

Among other provisions designed to enhance rural economic development requires regulatory relief to reduce and streamline zoning, permitting, and regulatory requirements in order to enhance the capability of businesses to grow and prosper in rural distressed areas. **House Economic Development, Housing & Trade.**

HB 1040: Rural Distressed Areas

Requires the state to facilitate rural economic development. Establishes within the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development the Office of Business Assistance, and recruitment for rural distressed

areas. Requires the joint legislative Audit and Review Committee to design an evaluation mechanism for economically distressed counties under this act and undertake an evaluation of this act's effectiveness by November 1, 2003. The agencies implementing the programs under this act shall assist the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee evaluation. Requires regulatory relief to reduce and streamline zoning, permitting, and regulatory requirements. **House Economic Development, Housing & Trade.**

HB 1893: Permit Issuance

Finds that environmental permit issuance can be streamlined by requiring local jurisdictions to coordinate their permit processes with those of the state government. **House Local Government.**

HB 1924: Administrative Rule Changes

Requires an agency to notify affected businesses of the requirements of a rule that imposes additional requirements on the businesses. The agency must make a good faith effort to notify the affected businesses within 250 days of the effective date, and give information on how to obtain technical assistance to comply with the rule. **House State Government.**

SB 5018: Permit Assistance Center

Directs the Permit Assistance Center to provide a periodic report to the Legislature that provides policy and operational recommendations for streamlining and coordinating environmental permitting in Washington; and summarizes the results of the center's efforts to measure center performance and outcomes over time. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

SSB 5148: Permit Assistance Center

The Permit Assistance Center is re-authorized and the sunset provisions are repealed. The center's reporting requirements are changed from annual to periodic. The requirements focus on making recommendations for streamlining and coordinating environmental permitting as well as on documenting the center's performance. The timing of negotiating for coordinated permitting services is modified. Cost recovery is authorized in which agencies may seek from the permit applicant the reimbursement of costs incurred in environmental review and permit processing. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5242: Unlawful Agency Actions

Allows individuals who have taken part in an administrative proceedings regarding an application for a permit

to receive attorney's fees and court costs if the an agency action is arbitrary, capricious, unlawful or exceeds lawful authority, or if the agency fails to take action within legally mandated time limits. **Senate State & Local Government.**

SSB 5281: Permit Assistance Center

Restructures the Permit Assistance Center to provide a reliable and consolidated source of information concerning federal, state, tribal, and local environmental and land use laws and procedures that apply to any given proposal; provide information and assistance to individuals, businesses, and public agencies regarding environmental and land use laws as well as local, state, and federal permitting requirements; serve as a project facilitator to assist an applicant in identifying regulatory requirements, processes, and permits associated with a project proposal; assist an applicant by developing a coordinated permit process for a project proposal; and assist the state to achieve its rural economic development goals by providing greater access to the center's services for individuals, businesses, and public agencies in rural counties and for businesses considering locating or expanding in rural counties. **Senate Ways & Means.**

State Government

HB 1239: Civil Service Reform

Directs the Personnel Resources Board to conduct a comprehensive review of all rules governing the classification, allocation, and reallocation of positions within the classified service. Goals are include developing a simplified classification system that will substantially reduce the number of job classifications in the classified service, developing a classification system to permit state agencies to respond flexibly to changing technologies, economic and social conditions, and the needs of its citizens, and to enhance mobility and career advancement opportunities. Authorizes any department, agency, or institution of higher education to purchase services provided by employees in classified service under this chapter by contracting with individuals, nonprofit organizations, businesses, or other entities. Allows for collective bargaining reform without granting any employee the right to strike or refuse to perform his or her official duties. **House State Government.**

HB 1482: Civil Service Reform:

Finds that there is a significant benefit in providing government services through a competitive system in which

both public and private entities participate and that updating the state civil service system and improving the system's classification of jobs to more clearly distinguish between management and non-management personnel are needed to bring the system into the twenty-first century. Finds that extending collective bargaining to wages and conditions of employment and making state agencies responsible for what they do rather than how they do it will improve government accountability. **House State Government.**

HB 1990/SB 5876: State Employee Background Check

Provides for criminal history background checks for potential state employees and contractors with potential unsupervised involvement with children or individuals with physical disabilities. **House Health Care/Senate Human Services & Corrections**

HB 1998: Regulatory Taking of Property

Compensates property owners for the regulatory taking of real property. **House Judiciary.**

HB 2067: Initiative 200 Implementation

Creates the Civil Rights Oversight Council to monitor implementation of Initiative 200. **House State Government.**

HB 2218/SB 6003: Liquor Control Board

Creates the Washington State Department of Liquor Control. Reorganizes the Liquor Control Board. **House State Government/Senate Commerce, Trade, Housing & Financial Institutions.**

SB 5066: Legislative Reporting Requirements

Establishes a procedure in which a state agency that has a legislatively mandated requirement to report to the Legislature or legislative committees regarding a specific matter and the agency either fails to report to the Legislature by the specified time or provides a report that is insufficiently responsive to the legislation requiring the report, the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, shall impose a \$100,000 penalty. **Senate State & Local Government.**

SSB 5363: Civil Service Reform

Directs the Personnel Resources Board to conduct a comprehensive review of all rules governing the classification, allocation, and reallocation of positions within the classified service. Goals are include developing a simplified classification system that will substantially reduce the

number of job classifications in the classified service, developing a classification system to permit state agencies to respond flexibly to changing technologies, economic and social conditions, and the needs of its citizens, and to enhance mobility and career advancement opportunities, while limiting the number of managers in any state agency to 10%. Authorizes any department, agency, or institution of higher education to purchase services provided by employees in classified service under this chapter by contracting with individuals, nonprofit organizations, businesses, or other entities, provided this does not lessen wages. Requires agencies that contract out to assist displaced workers. Allows for collective bargaining reform without granting any employee the right to strike or refuse to perform his or her official duties. **Senate Ways & Means Do Pass.**

SB 5906: Agency Managed Competition

Allows state agencies to purchase services, including services that have been customarily and historically provided by employees in classified service, by contracting with individuals, nonprofit organizations, businesses, or other entities if the following criteria are met: the service is not a core service; the invitation for bid or request for proposal details performance standards and expectations for the performance of the contract; the agency has allowed state employee business units to participate in the bidding process; at least two private entities exist that provide the service to be contracted for; and the contract includes a provision directing a private entity that is awarded the contract to consider offering employment to state agency employees to perform the services under such a contract. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development.**

SB 5915: State Agency Reports

Various statutes are amended or repealed to eliminate reports to the Legislature that are no longer wanted or considered necessary. **Senate State & Local Government.**

SB 5999: Hospital District Property

Requiring a vote to dispose of a hospital district or its property. **Senate State & Local Government.**

Tobacco

SHB 1531/ESB 5485: Tobacco Product Manufacturers

Places the financial burdens imposed by cigarette smoking on tobacco manufacturers rather than the state. Cre-

ates a reserve account for tobacco manufacturers not participating in the master tobacco settlement agreement. **House Rules Review/2nd Reading/Senate Pass.**

HB 1665: Tobacco Use & Distribution

Prohibits the sale of tobacco or tobacco products in publicly owned or leased facilities, except correctional institutions. Allows the Secretary of Corrections or local jail administrators to prohibit the sale of tobacco and tobacco related products in facilities under their jurisdiction. **House Commerce & Labor.**

HB 1717: Forfeited Tobacco Products

Requires the prompt destruction of cigarettes or other tobacco products that are seized or forfeited. **House Commerce & Labor.**

HB 1999: Smoking Cessation Program

Directs DOH to develop and implement a smoking cessation program by July 1, 2001 for medical assistance clients with payments received from the master tobacco settlement agreement. DOH may establish an advisory group of technical experts and citizens to advise on the design and implementation of the smoking cessation program. **House Health Care.** *Public Hearing, 3-1-99, 8:00 p.m., House Hearing Room C.*

HB 2014: Tobacco Litigation Moneys

Creates the Tobacco Prevention and Control Account in the state treasury, with moneys transferred from the tobacco settlement account. DOH may spend funds in the account only for public health purposes relating to tobacco. **House Appropriations.**

HB 2077/SB 5881: Youth Access to Tobacco

Regulates youth access to tobacco products. Repeals the state's preemption of local tobacco control regulations. Requires cigarette's to be sold in packages of no smaller than twenty cigarettes. Prohibits tobacco manufacturers an wholesalers from paying fines for any retailer. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

HB 2164/SB 5897: Export Cigarette Sales

Requires that purchasers of cigarettes be informed of adverse health consequences and whether the cigarettes were manufactured for consumption within the United States. **House Commerce & Labor/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

HJM 4003: Tobacco Settlement

Requests amending the federal Medicaid statute to prohibit federal recoupment of state tobacco settlement re-

coveries. **Filed with Secretary of State.**

SSB 5359: Tobacco Litigation Monies

Directs that funds received by the state as a result of the settlement of the state's legal action against tobacco product manufacturers, exclusive of costs and attorneys' fees, shall be deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Account. Authorizes the state treasurer to transfer a total of \$100,000,000 from the tobacco settlement account, to the tobacco prevention and control account, upon authorization of the Director of Financial Management. The director shall authorize transfer of the total amount no later than June 30, 2001. **Senate Pass.**

SB 5426: Tobacco Settlement/Tax Reduction

Reduces the state property tax equivalent to funds received under the state tobacco litigation settlement. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SSB 5516: Tobacco Prevention & Control

Requires the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program to design and implement public health projects relating to tobacco, including but not limited to enforcing prohibitions on tobacco sales to minors, counter-marketing and advertising efforts relating to tobacco, school and community educational programs discouraging tobacco use, tobacco use cessation programs, and research regarding tobacco-related illnesses. **Senate Rules Eligible 2nd Reading.**

Welfare Reform

HB 1275: WorkFirst Participation

Allows that having a child under the age of one year is a good cause reasons for failure to participate in WorkFirst program components. **House Children & Family Services.**

HB 2225: TANF Eligibility for Children

Provides that children with disabilities who are over 18 and under 21 years of age, and who are full-time students whose education is being provided for, are eligible to receive TANF benefits, when such exceptions will facilitate the children's ability to complete their education and increase their potential to achieve future self-sufficiency. **House Children & Family Services.**

HB 2226: TANF Eligibility for Children

Eliminates eligibility standards retained from the Aid to Dependent Children Program under the TANF program. **House Children & Family Services.**

SB 5063: TANF Recipients/Education

Pertains to adult recipients of temporary assistance for needy families enrolled in education programs. Requires DSHS, the Employment Security Department, and community and technical colleges work together more effectively to facilitate the successful completion of higher educational course work by recipients. Allows that when circumstances and educational progress of a recipient would reasonably lead to timely course completion and employment, that the recipient's grant be maintained without sanction. **Senate Ways & Means.**

SB 5069: Child Care Access/TANF Recipients

Provides child care payments to persons complying with the Washington WorkFirst program. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development.**

SB 5155: TANF Workforce Development

Requires that recipients of temporary assistance for needy families shall be given a priority for work force development system programs and courses. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development.**

SB 5163: WorkFirst Participation

Modifies good cause reasons for failure to participate in WorkFirst program components. **Senate Rules Eligible 2nd Reading.**

SB 5299: TANF Residency Requirement

Eliminates the requirement for TANF recipients to reside in Washington for a period of one year before receiving TANF benefits equal to other Washingtonians. **Senate Rules.**

SB 5314: WorkFirst Participation

Revises good cause reasons for failure to participate in the WorkFirst program. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development.**

ESB 5490: TANF Employment Assessments

Requires DSHS to screen TANF applicants for learning disabilities, in order to customize and make meaningful their individual responsibility plans, refer them to treatment as appropriate, or exempt them from work activity requirements, benefit time limits, or other requirements of Title 74 RCW. **House Children & Family Services.**

SB 5522: TANF Work Activity

Requirements to assess WorkFirst recipients are placed at the beginning of the recipient's participation in the WorkFirst program. The initial assessment includes screening for barriers to self-sufficiency, including homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence victimization, limited English proficiency and illiteracy. The Individual Responsibility Plan recommends that adult recipients assure that their school-age children attend school, and requires that recipients document immunization of their children. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development.**

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